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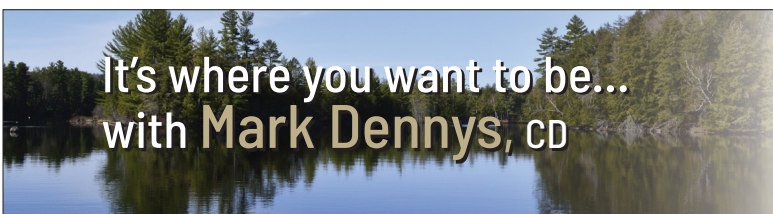
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**Putting their hearts into it**

The Big Bike pulls into the parking lot in Haliburton after a successful loop around town on Thursday, May 16. The Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group teamed up with Canoe FM, the Municipality of Dysart et al and Haliburton Chiropractic to power the giant bicycle. Earlier in the day, Patient News Publishing pedaled through town. Between the two groups, nearly \$8,000 was raised. The bike then went on to Minden. See details on page 3./ JENN WATT Staff



## HE to review short-term rental responses 'line by line'

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a May 14 meeting of Highlands East council.

Twenty-six responses from a public review period seeking feedback on a short-term accommodation draft engage-

ment questionnaire were collected from Feb. 13 to April 30 and council was asked whether they would like to review the full responses and submit changes to the questionnaire to staff by May 27 for discussion at the June 11 council meeting, or review responses at the June 11 meeting one question at a time, finalizing the draft at that meeting.

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## Proposed health unit merger concerns Dysart mayor

JENN WATT

Editor

News last week of the provincial government's proposal to merge the local health unit with those in Peterborough, Hastings County, Prince Edward County and Durham Region is concerning, Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts said.

Roberts, who represents Haliburton County council on the Haliburton,

Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit board, said if the province moves forward with the boundary change, it could mean increased cost for municipalities. It would also combine HKPR with regions much larger, including Durham. The merged health unit would include Peterborough Public Health, HKPR, Durham Regional Health Department, and Hastings Prince Edward Health Unit.

In April, the Progressive Conservative see **HALIBURTON** page 3

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# Process has been contentious

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"I think we should have the discussion at an open council meeting rather than electronically, so I would prefer if we went through it line by line, question by question," said Councillor Suzanne Partridge.

The municipality has been trying for some time to regulate the practice of renting out dwellings.

"I just want council to be aware that if we are looking at delivery [of the survey] as a direct mail-out, possibly through our tax bills, we are on a bit of a deadline, so that June 11 we would have to basically confirm the questionnaire and put it to bed for it to get out in time with the tax bill," said clerk Robyn Rogers.

"I won't be rushed," said Partridge, noting the issue had been controversial and council should prepare for a second mailing although hopefully an agreement on what the final survey will look like will be reached June 11.

During council's inaugural meeting on Dec. 6 last year, the questionnaire was decided on to obtain more information from the public about which short-term accommodation approach best suits the municipality rather than a planned short-term accommodation committee. At that time, Mayor Dave Burton said the issue had been contentious and had divided the municipality.

## New septic team in place

Chief building official Laurie Devolin introduced Arlene Quinn, full-time septic instructor, as well as Dylan Smith and Jonas Hill, who have been hired as this year's summer student septic maintenance inspectors to help with the municipality's septic re-inspection program, now in its third year.

Ryall requested more information about the septic re-inspection program, specifically with a report on outstanding violations of septsics deemed to be high risk and very high risk in 2017 and 2018.

"We do still have a number of people who are ignoring us, unfortunately, so we do have to now take it up to the next step of issuing orders," said Devolin. "We've been giving people lots of opportunities. We've sent out, in some cases, three letters, and so now we need to get to the next part of, I wouldn't want to say legal, but certainly issuing orders so that people understand we are serious, especially if it is high-risk."

Devolin said she would return with a report at the next council meeting.

Partridge asked if any follow-up was done on septsics deemed "moderate."

"We have done follow-up on those ones," said Devolin. "It's usually a follow-up site inspection or people will send [before-and-after] pictures. Typically it would be decommissioning an outhouse that's maybe too close to



Dylan Smith, Jonas Hill and Arleen Quinn have joined the municipality of Highlands East as septic inspectors. Smith and Hill are summer students helping with the municipality's septic reinspection program, now in its third year, while Quinn has been hired as a full-time septic instructor. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

a water body, vegetation that is growing on a septic bed – that's primarily what the issue is, a lot of people don't realize that trees growing on a septic bed is a problem. Once they understand what the risks are, then they will go ahead and look after that."

## Organizational review begins in June

Savino Human Resources Partners will lead an organizational review, including pay equity, for the municipality, at a cost of \$27,925. The SHRP proposal was one of three received in response to a request for proposal ending April 11.

"SHRP identified the key objectives for this review will be to ensure that the Municipality of Highlands East's organizational structure, staffing, service delivery model, organizational processes and employee compensation systems and policies are effective and represent up-to-date best practice," reads a report from Shannon Hunter, CAO/treasurer. "In addition SHRP will be responsible for developing and confirmation of a compensation program which is compliant with current legislation, including pay equity. SHRP's review will include input received from key stakeholders (staff and council)."

Staff had budgeted \$28,000 for the review.

## Highlands East first to support county climate change plan

Charlsey White, county director of planning and deputy CAO, and Craig Douglas, county director of public works, are making the rounds to lower tier councils to ask for support in creating one cohesive climate change adaptation and mitigation plan for the county.

"What we're hoping is that the county climate change and action plan will outline our environmental sustainable priorities, establish collective and individual greenhouse gas emission targets/goals, and to identify the different ways in which we're going to work together to achieve those goals," said White. In supporting the plan, the county is asking each municipality to provide assistance through a staff member who can gather municipal specific data on energy and emissions inventory for all buildings, fleet, water and sewage treatment, street lighting and solid waste, and also planning policy and procedures.

"I commend staff and county council for having such an aggressive plan," said Partridge. Council received the report and offered support for the initiative.

## County launches increased shoreline protection project

White also made a delegation to council regarding shoreline preservation, as the county is seeking support from municipalities in enhancing a shoreline protection bylaw.

"There are protections in place for our shorelines and lakes and waterways, however, the policies really are only implemented at the time of development or site alteration, when an application is made for some sort of change in use under the planning act, so other than that, there's no effectual way to stop people from doing certain things or encouraging them to do better things to make our shorelines more productive areas," said White.

The goals and objectives of the enhanced bylaw include ensuring no further loss of natural shorelines, increasing the proportion of natural/native vegetative cover, and working toward a goal of 75 per cent natural/native vegetative cover overall for better lake health.

"You'll be able to still have your docks and your fire pits and that sort of thing, but what we're looking to stop is termed as 'grassing,' so when you've basically got your lawn all the way down to the shoreline and that's it ... that's the kind of changes and alterations we're trying to stop," said White.

The proposed new protections include the protection of natural shoreline vegetation, regulating site alteration and regulating cleaning and clearing of land, combined with the continued protection of trees.

Public consultation with lake associations and property owners will take place.

Partridge asked how residents would be encouraged toward shoreline restoration, and White said the county was in discussions with the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations, who have a number of education programs regarding lake health.

Council supported the initiative.

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## Haliburton County looking at \$19,000 shortfall

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government announced that the province's 35 health units would be reduced to 10.

Provincial government officials and MPPs have been quoted in the media calling the mergers a starting point for discussions with nothing "set in stone."

Roberts said she sees two major impacts to the proposed merger: "One, the amalgamation of 35 health units [in the province] to 10. This alone will have a significant impact to us here in Haliburton. We are already a huge geographic area but now we will be assigned to Peterborough and Durham. This will take the population coverage to slightly over the one-million mark," she said in an email to the Echo.

The second impact is financial. "Currently we are supposed to be at a 75 [per cent] provincial, 25 [per cent] municipal split [in funding]. Because the province had frozen funding for the few years we were actually at a 71/29 ratio, meaning CKL, Northumberland and Haliburton counties were all paying more. This year, after we set our county and health

unit budgets, they announced it would be 70/30 so we will be in a shortfall this year. Haliburton County's shortfall is [approximately] \$19,000," Roberts said.


"Once the new boundaries are set we will be over the [one million] population so the provincial/ municipal split will be 60/40. What will this mean to service? Costs to the county? Program cuts to the most vulnerable in our communities?"

Representatives in other affected regions have similarly taken issue with the proposed change.

The *Peterborough Examiner* reported that Peterborough County council had passed a motion asking MPPs to consult with municipalities and First Nations in the region before going ahead with the mergers. The paper reported that Peterborough city council passed a similar motion.

Health units are tasked with promoting health and preventing disease; their work includes educational campaigns, health inspections, vaccinations, water testing, and encouraging healthy lifestyle choices.

"From my few years [of] experience on the board, the people that work in public health are extremely dedicated and strive to make our area safer," Roberts said.



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### Indigenous culture showcased

An Indigenous performer dances wearing regalia during a showcase for the Indigenous Cultural Day at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for its students and for neighbouring J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students, who walked over from the middle school in Haliburton. The event educates students about Indigenous Peoples' cultures. Submitted by Mike Gervais



Lois Rigney, right, speaks to participants in the Big Bike fundraiser, who laugh as she thanks them for their support of the annual fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The foundation's coordinator, community fundraising, Katie Wilson presented Rigney with a plaque thanking her for eight years of organizing.



### Marking a big contribution

Lois Rigney gives the thumbs up as she's presented with a plaque recognizing the years of organizing she has done to fundraise for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In the eight years she's been involved, the Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group has raised more than \$26,000. /JENN WATT Staff



Many legs make the Big Bike roll. It took a community to get the Heart and Stroke Foundation's fundraising bike down Highland Street. In the end, between Haliburton and Minden, \$13,548 was raised to help fund heart disease and stroke research.

# Returning to 'green' burial practices

JENN WATT

Editor

When Terry and Shirley Moore's son Kyle died in February of this year they had to make a difficult decision on how to bury him.

Kyle had felt a deep commitment to the environment and to being as gentle on the land as possible. He also was connected to the specific place itself.

"The problem that our family encountered was that there are no winter burials, green or otherwise, in Haliburton County. So Kyle died on Feb. 21 in the middle of a difficult winter and so we had to make a choice between honouring his environmental and ecological sensibility on one hand and his sense of place on the other," Terry Moore told the large audience assembled at the Haliburton United Church for a talk on green burials last week.

The only way to have him buried in Haliburton County was to have him embalmed: not a green burial practice.

"We had to choose between place and his environmental sensibility. We don't want to have other families placed in that same predicament in the future," Moore said.

A green burial initiative was formed through Environment Haliburton, which led to the talk on May 14, part of the organization's monthly Enviro-Cafes.

Ellen Newman of the Good Green Death Project and Mark Richardson, manager of cemetery services with Niagara Falls, spoke about the options available for individuals who want to lessen the environmental impact of their own interment, as well as what can be done more



Ellen Newman asks for a show of hands at the green burial talk last week. Mark Richardson, left, also spoke during the presentation. /JENN WATT Staff

broadly to establish green cemeteries and to change municipal bylaws to permit greener practices.

The Green Burial Society of Canada has identified five core principles of green burial: no embalming; direct earth burial with no vaults or grave liners, using instead a biodegradable container or cloth; ecological restoration of the site; using communal memorialization instead of individual stones at each site; and optimal land use.

Some of those principles are easier to achieve than others. For example, choosing not to embalm is less difficult to carry out than optimal land use, which can include reusing grave sites or creating temporary pathways that may be eventually converted into plots.

Newman explained the thinking behind the principles.

On the topic of embalming, she said there's debate about what the fluids used in the process do to the environment which hasn't been definitively settled.

Where foregoing embalming becomes a "green" practice is that it slows the body's decomposition – and green burials are all about returning the body to the earth.

"Embalming preserves the body and doesn't allow it to naturally decompose," she said. "It's not about the toxicity, because the main toxicity is to us, the funeral directors that are being exposed to those chemicals."

The second principle is based on the same goal: to allow the body to decompose in the natural environment. For that reason, there would be no concrete vault or grave liner; nothing metal and no varnish. Instead, caskets are made of natural materials and lined with fabric that breaks down easily such as unbleached cotton or linen. A shroud, fabric that wraps a body, is another option.

Newman pointed out that the first two principles could be asked for by anyone when consulting with a funeral home and depending on the municipality's bylaws, would likely be carried out.

The three other principles require larger changes for cemeteries. Ecological restoration includes planting of native plants and shrubs and returning the land to its natural state.

In many places, this process has created beautiful communal spaces that work to further protect land, the presenters said.

Richardson talked about Willow's Rest, which is a two-acre portion of the 77-acre Fairview Cemetery in the Niagara region.

There, they hired a habitat restoration specialist who brought 15,000 wildflower seeds to repopulate the land with native species.

They installed nine beehives to pollinate and found that the land began to transform into a welcoming space.

"The development of this green burial section of Willow's Rest, in essence breathed new life into Fairview Cemetery," Richardson said. "We've had nature groups come out to witness the area to

sit and enjoy the beauty. We've had bird groups that have come out because we now have, where we moved our dirt pile to, is adjacent to the green burial section and we now have bank swallows that have taken up residence."

The fourth principle is to switch from individual memorials to a group memorial, reducing the impact on the cemetery itself as well as removing the need for quarried rock, shipped long distances.

"This is a little bit of a stumbling block for people because we're so used to having that monument that we're going to go and lay flowers on," Newman said.

She pointed out, however, that for many people the ecological restoration of the space would provide a transcendent experience for many, with trees, meadows, birds, butterflies and flowers to surround you when you visit.

She said people who have chosen a green cemetery for their loved one, they see the entire space as the memorial.

The most difficult of the principles is the fifth: optimal land use. Part of this concept includes reusing space after a set period of time.

Newman said the practice is common in Europe where space is at a premium. The principle also takes into account access roads through the cemetery and what impact they have.

Although the five principles have been defined, the speakers made the point that some of them are personal decisions (embalming, casket selection), while others are in the hands of the municipality.

"Green burials ... have been taking place since the dawn of time and a green burial can actually happen anywhere within a cemetery," Richardson said. "A green burial simply means that the body's not embalmed and is returned to the earth. Families may still have a monument, but the burial itself was green."

There were many questions from the audience, including about how to bring winter burials to Haliburton County.

Richardson said there are tools available to make it happen, some of them more ecologically friendly than others. Probably the greenest solution is to open graves in the fall before the ground freezes. However, that means those who want a green burial would have to be OK with not choosing the plot.

There are also ground warming mats that can be used or machinery to open the ground.

Moore is asking anyone interested in continuing forward with the idea to sign up for the working group. He said he hopes to one day have a Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society.

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# Instructor uses expressive arts to help others overcome challenges

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Instructor Gary Diggins stands on a colourful interlocking rubber floor mat, in a classroom at Haliburton School of Art + Design surrounded by musical instruments as he talks about the power of expressive arts practice.

"The expressive art practice is a way of helping a person sit with some of those big things in life and also reflecting on what narrative could take them to a different future," said Diggins.

It includes using art, craft, writing, music and movement to enable self-expression, which helps with growth, development and healing.

Through the "maturation process," Diggins said people experience challenges of loss and change.

"And those circumstances often ask us to not just try to figure things out from an analytical standpoint, but they involve much more of the deeper psyche of the human being. So we sit with powerful questions: Who are you at this stage in your life? How will you handle this loss? What brings meaning back into your life? So those [things] down through time for philosophers and therapists have been the big questions. I call that soul work."

HSAD, which is Fleming College's Haliburton campus, provides an eight-week post-graduate expressive arts program once a year during the spring. Diggins is an instructor in the program.

During his 30-year career he has used his knowledge and background to help people deal with challenges in life.

On May 17, he used his experience and knowledge for the Yuva Arts Project in Guelph. According to its website this project is "a cross-cultural collaborative initiative addressing issues related to displacement and disintegration faced by marginalized youth groups across the world. Using arts as a medium, we aim to provide a space for youth to explore solutions, so that they may overcome social challenges that they experience."

Diggins said the two-week Yuva Arts Project was started by Tamara Menon, who is a professional singer from India and helps people in Mumbai's red light area in Kamathipura. She saw first-hand how music has the power to change lives.

In 2018, Menon was a community music student at Wilfrid Laurier University in Kitchener-Waterloo.

The arts exchange will help three youth groups, 12 to 15, who are "children of commercially sexually exploited women from India, Canadian Indigenous youth and newcomer youth in Kitchener-Waterloo."

"She never forgot about those kids in India, so her dream was, just as I made that journey, 'How could I airlift some of those kids to come to Laurier University and engage with expressive arts therapists and also with their peers and those peers could look like Indigenous youth, First Nations and new Canadians to Canada, largely kids from Syria,'" he said.

Diggins said his involvement with the Yuva Arts Project stems from his experience.

"I have a background of working in conflict zones already. In Africa, I've done work in Uganda with former child soldiers. In Rwanda, with genocide survivors. A trouble zone in Nigeria and a little bit of work in Angola ... It's been used in community building, but it's also been used to help people with trauma," he said.

At 68, teaching is a way to mentor and allows him to give back, he said.

"At this stage in my own life that my calling cannot only be a practitioner, but as a mentor in terms of the expressive arts practice," he said.

He said he can pass his knowledge and experience on to others, particularly professionals who can add to their repertoire of tools to help others.

There have been changes in the practice since he started in Toronto in 1980.

When he started the people he worked with often included people with disabilities, in palliative care, spinal injuries, and those who'd had injury to the language area of the brain.

"I think over the decades what's evolved over the many expressive arts is to recognize that a wider population could be served," he said.

His own journey began as a professional musician where he opened concerts for established acts such as Alice Cooper. Now he is practising in Guelph and mentoring the next generation of expressive arts practitioners.

"A lot happened quickly for me and I found myself performing in big arenas and stadiums. I got to understand that there is an entertainment industry. Even though I felt a calling to be a musician, I realized I didn't feel drawn to a life as an entertainer," he said.

At that point he deliberated about his career options, whether he would teach or find another way.

A year later, he realized he would go back to school for psychology and learn about forms of music therapy.

"That expressive arts path became more of my calling," he said.

Diggins said that HSAD is the ideal backdrop for expressive arts, which can include natural elements, something his mentor, Bill Plotkin, believed.

"His premise is that practitioners, therapists and counsellors are often dealing with the human element without regard to the larger human community. His practice is about including the larger figures and forces of nature in the therapeutic process. So, if a person is feeling depressed, he might ask when's the last time you took a walk in the woods? And just had a quiet reflection upon how nature goes through cycles of disintegration and integration. It's really important for me, and I believe [for] the students, to have that reminder of the cycles of life and the larger factors of beauty that sense the organic life threads not only the animate forces around us, but us as human beings," he said.



Fleming College Haliburton Campus instructor Gary Diggins, who holds a "digim" musical instrument, believes in the power of expressive arts to help people. With three decades of experience, Diggins has used expressive arts to help people around the world. He is one of several partners to the two-week Yuva Arts Project./DARREN LUM Staff

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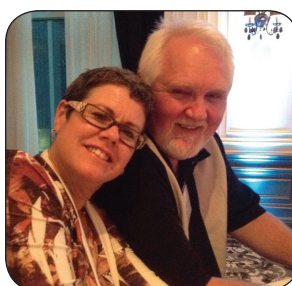
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## Keeping turtles safe

**T**HIS IS THE season when we're most likely to see the fantastic creatures that occupy the wetlands throughout our region. Turtles come out to lay their eggs in spring and for many of us, the time we see the most turtles is when they're trying to cross our roads.

Much effort has been expended over the years to keep us mindful of the issue.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has invested funding and volunteer time into tracking turtles, documenting where they cross and studying methods of assisting them, including the Turtle Mortality Mitigation Project.

This research looked at using a road culvert as an underpass along with a specially made barrier wall to funnel the creatures to the safe passageway. The research found the methods were effective. With access to the road blocked, turtles used the culvert as was hoped.

The Land Between, an organization that works to preserve the special ecotone between Georgian Bay and the Ottawa Valley, has likewise been pushing for better awareness of the importance of turtles in our environment and raises money to help them.

They are responsible for many of the turtle crossing signs that keep us alert as we traverse the roadways and they've made partnerships around the province working to save turtles and educate the public about why that's important. They've created the Turtle Guardian program, which conducts workshops and is holding a Turtle Walk in Haliburton on June 8.

We are well served by turtle protectors.

The issue remains, however, that we don't have turtle barriers on most of our roads and turtles cross throughout the county, not just where we see signage.

Our presence behind the wheel is the No. 1 threat to turtles.

Especially in Haliburton County, that's a scary thing because we've got a disproportionate amount of the province's turtles. Six species reside in the Highlands – snapping, painted, Blanding's, wood, spotted, and stinkpot – and five of those are species at risk (only the painted turtle is not). The Land Between along with the Frontenac Arch has a third of all turtles in Ontario. That means we need to be especially diligent.

It can take 25 years of a turtle laying eggs before one survives to adulthood, which means each time a turtle is killed on our roadways, the population has taken a substantial hit.

The land trust includes advice on its website on what to do if you see a turtle trying to cross the road. It can certainly help, if you're well informed and know what to do, to pull over when it's safe and assist that turtle across the road.

However, not everyone will feel comfortable or safe doing so. What we can all do easily and safely is be mindful as we drive. May and June are prime turtle crossing months. Just by paying attention and keeping your speed low, you can greatly decrease the likelihood that an accident will happen.

If you do see an injured turtle, the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre is the place to call: 705-741-5000. They can tell you what to do.



jenn watt

## Editorial

## Down



sharon lynch

## Our road

**A**LL THE WAY north Sam kept speculating what they would find. This weekend was their first trip since the fall. It had been a long winter this year with record-breaking snow and long weeks of bone-chilling cold. Sam wondered how the roof had held up, if there had been any break-ins and would the water pump still work.

It was an old cottage that had belonged to his parents. He and Pat had been patching here and there, replacing when necessary and sometimes even tearing down. Sam knew the back deck had a few rotten spots not to mention the front door that was hard to close. As he drove, his mental list of what would need doing grew longer. Beside him, Pat was talking about flower boxes and getting a load of manure from the farmer on their sideroad for her garden.

It was a relief to see the roof still intact as they pulled into the driveway. But now they noticed how faded the paint looked, even peeling in some places. Had it been like that in the fall? How could they have not noticed before now?

That first step inside was always the same. If he closed his eyes he could be 12 again, back with his family for the first long weekend of the season. The smell of closed-up rooms, old woodsmoke and layers of dust. Not very appealing.

Outdoors the sun had broken through a cool and cloudy day, instantly transforming the world. Pat threw open the windows and gradually the air inside began to take on a warmer, fresher feel. It lifted both their spirits, spurring them on to unpack, sweep and explore. For there was always something that needed a closer look. The kitchen drawers and cupboards to start.

The mice had been around in a big way this past winter. Despite Pat's efforts, they had still managed to get into the cutlery so everything had to come out of there and get washed. In the bedrooms, tissues and newspapers had

made soft nests in the night table and dresser drawers. She sighed. More work.

Another nest of a different kind remained every year and sure enough, when Sam opened the back door, a robin fluttered out and away. As long as he could remember there had been a robin's nest in the same spot under the porch eaves. He remembered watching the newly-hatched birds, hairless and bulgy-eyed, stretching their necks up to take bits of worm from their mother's beak. It was always amazing to see how quickly these ugly creatures grew into young robins and then one day, they were gone.

After a few hours of sweeping, washing and tossing, Pat heated up a can of pea soup and grilled them cheese sandwiches. The day had turned surprisingly warm and so the two of them took their food outside to the ancient picnic table overlooking the lake. No skiers yet, in fact no boats at all, just the bluest of sky and water with a slight breeze rippling across its surface. Sam noted how lucky they were that the blackflies had not yet returned and Pat hushed him up for fear of bringing them on. He laughed, his good mood having returned. Being here could do that for both of them.

After lunch, Pat tied up and shooed Sam down to the lakeshore. Sometimes she liked to be alone with her thoughts and she knew he was the same. So while she gazed out the window over the sink, Sam walked down to the water to see what the winter had left. More driftwood, and part of an animal carcass.

Then he stopped. Over to the west where a narrow channel divided the small bay from the big lake, a bear was crossing the water with two cubs on her back. She moved quickly and expertly, the small furry forms glued to her dark fur. In a minute they vanished from sight behind the overhanging bush. Sam was in awe. If only we could forego the mice and just have bears and robins, he thought, life would be almost perfect.



Kashagawigamog Lake sunset

by Darren Lum

## After the winter

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# points of view

## Call display

I HAVE JUST finished writing an email to the company that makes my favourite turkey call asking for a refund. The reason is my call does not work properly.

At the very least, it seems to need some tuning.

I found this out the other day while I was waiting for a fishing buddy to meet me on a backroad so we could continue on into our fishing spot. I had gotten to our rendezvous point a few minutes before the pre-appointed time, so I opened the car window and decided to listen to the adjoining woods and practice my turkey calling.

I had hardly called for a minute when I heard something birdlike approaching from the nearby woods. And much to my surprise, it turned out to be a ruffed grouse.

If this were the first time this turkey call had called in a species it was not intended to work on, I wouldn't have asked for a refund. But, alas, it wasn't.

To be fair, I have also called in turkeys with it, but I am starting to suspect this was because those old toms were hard of hearing.

That call is, at the very least, out of tune and just to prove it, I set up a little experiment the next day.

I got up at 6 a.m. Then, I slipped out of bed, went downstairs and started calling out the back door.

Less than three minutes later, I had a response – unfortunately it was from Jenn who rushed downstairs and yelled, “What are you doing?”

“Proving I’m not crazy!” I said, as I waved my faulty turkey call in the air.

“I wouldn’t be so sure of that,” she replied.

Later that morning, I was on the phone with a representative of the company, named Garrett. And I began making my case for either a) them sending me a new call that only draws in turkeys or b) retuning my old one.

I explained my story by listing the ever-growing list of animals that I have called in with that “turkey” call.

“Out of curiosity, have you called in anything more intimidating than a bear?” he asked.

“I called in my partner at 6 a.m.,” I replied. “You should put a disclaimer on the package. It might prevent you from being sued.”

Then Garrett made a ridiculous suggestion.

“Ever considered that you just might not be very good at turkey calling?” he asked.

“What would make you think that?” I said.

“The grouse you called in,” he replied.

I then reminded him that grouse and wild turkey are both game birds, which meant I was at least in the ballpark.

“You are right,” he said. “It’d be different if you called in bullfrogs.”

“It was only one!” I snapped.

A few minutes later, Garrett suggested that, since no one would believe him, I should write an email to the company detailing all the things I had called in with my “turkey” call. He even said I might be able to get a pro staff designation with the company in order to test out prototypes of new products just to ensure they are idiot proof – which I thought was kind.

As for the replacement, he asked what I wanted.

I thought about calling in that little grouse instead of an old tom turkey. Then I suggested a bigger call.



steve  
galea

## Loon Tales



## pic of the past

This photo was taken in September of 1937 in the back yard of the Wellington Austin house in Haliburton. It shows four generations of the Austin family. From front to back, John Austin, Jack Austin, Wellington Austin, Emmerson Austin. /From the Echo archives.

## letters to the editor

# Educator opposed to province's funding cuts

Dear Member Scott,

As a former educational leader with Scarborough Board of Education/TDSB, and current advocate for quality public education, I want to express my strong opposition to the proposed cuts to education funding and to formally register my input to the Minister of Education's consultation process.

The proposed cuts will generate detrimental results that include the following:

- Students, both elementary and secondary, will have less individualized support and instruction at a time when levels of special needs and mental health anxieties are rising.

- Proposed changes in learning conditions will have the greatest impact on students and families of the most vulnerable in our province.

- Program choices in secondary schools will be narrowed in all the optional subject areas at a time when employers want employees with a wide range of diverse skills.

- Significantly larger secondary school class sizes will result in higher failure rates, increased drop-out numbers, and elevated youth unemployment due to lessened skill sets.

- The secondary school online course requirements assume that all families have the finances necessary to equip their children with a computer and an internet service provider. This requirement reflects a blatant elitist disregard for current financial hardships and the deepening of classism.

- The lack of regard for the accommodation of various student learning styles and the delivery model change in autism support reflect inattention to long-standing research on pedagogy and learning.

- The reduction of staff/student ratios will have a particular effect on schools in small Ontario communities, forcing some to close and will make some communities non-viable without a local school.

I urge immediate reconsideration of the proposed funding cuts before their implementation causes irreversible consequences and damage to the quality and reputation of the Ontario public education system.

Gary Hunt  
Principal (retired) and grandfather to three  
young Ontario students  
Haliburton

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# MP's newsletter should inform

To the Editor,

Upon receiving a newsletter from Jamie Schmale, our MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, this is what I would say to him in response:

"Mr. Schmale, send me a non-partisan piece of news. Tell me what you are doing to help benefit my community, not a smear campaign using taxpayers' dollars to bash Prime Minister Trudeau and the Liberals while pushing Ford's Conservative 'government for the people' agenda that cut millions of dollars needed for children, the vulnerable, students, teachers, the environment, TVO, and more. Show some back-

bone. Address the outcry against these cuts. Stop painting a picture of a healthy status quo, with you smiling in photo ops alongside hard-working Ontarians in an attempt to mask your abject failure to represent our disdain in Parliament. When you can do that, then send me a newsletter. I'll be happy to help pay for it. Right now, however, you need to know that by actively pushing the Ford/Scheer Conservative agenda at my expense and the tax dollars of all your constituents, you have proven without a doubt, that you are part of the problem not the solution."

Jerelyn Craden  
Haliburton

# Will we survive with services intact?

To the Editor,

Our provincial government has apparently decided to ignore legitimate questions for the legislative opposition and only talk about their agenda (a lot of which wasn't discussed during the election process).

I have been out of school for quite a while but my recollection of the parliamentary system was that the opposition parties were allowed to ask questions and the governing party was supposed to provide some kind of response relating to the question asked.

Apparently the Ford government can change the parliamentary system since their majority lets them govern as they see fit. With the recent actions of our local MPP, avoiding discussions with her constituents at the front entrance to McKecks and not

even bothering to acknowledge an email concern I sent to her last fall, her leader's actions should not be a big surprise. She is following his example.

The "scariest" thing about our provincial government's activities is how many of the things that have been working well will they ruin through their determination to reverse anything the previous government accomplished. (Trying to take over governing the City of Toronto, the education system, sex education, work place injuries, health care, paramedic services ...). Can we survive with any services intact until 2022 under the Ford "my way with no discussion" regime?

Bill Dodds  
Gooderham

# Ontario gov't blind to rural realities

To the Editor,

I have had the pleasure of living in Toronto and in Haliburton County. When I first came here about 30 years ago, I was struck by some of the inequities between rural and urban education opportunities, access to health care and environmental agencies. The Ontario government's recent cuts to education, health and the environment have made those inequities even worse.

Let's start with education. The Ford government has mandated four compulsory e-credits for high school students. E-learning is not suitable for all students as it requires more self-discipline and time management skills than the average high school student possesses. But even more important than that, e-learning requires fast dependable internet service, something that is not guaranteed in a rural setting such as Haliburton County. And if there is no internet or poor internet at home, students will go to the library. Unfortunately, there have been cuts there as well and we are not certain how that will play out in terms of access to library services.

When I lived in Toronto, I never visited the offices of Toronto Public Health. I have made many trips to our local public health unit. I rely on it for testing my water and keeping me informed about local health concerns such as West Nile virus and Lyme Disease. Will we lose our local health unit and have to drive hours away? How can you go from 35 to 10 public health boards without losing a valuable local resource?

And finally, in Toronto and surrounding areas there are a number of conservation

authorities that do flood plain mapping and wetland conservation work, including flood management. We don't have a conservation authority in Haliburton County. In response to the recent flooding in Ontario, the government is putting together a task force to look at ways of improving the province's resilience to flooding. Wetlands provide a critical function in regard to flood attenuation through the absorption of water during spring run-off, the slowing of surface waters through wetland vegetation, and the redirection of surface water into the water table.

We are blessed with a large number of wetlands in Haliburton County, but most have not been mapped or evaluated for the important services they provide with regard to flood attenuation and water quality. The highest and best protection for a wetland is to be designated as a provincially significant wetland (PSW). We have seven PSWs in Haliburton, but we have at least 100 more that are candidates for such a designation. The province funds conservation authorities. It is now time for them to fund rural areas without conservation authorities if they are serious about better planning and reducing the impacts of flooding. Municipalities and not-for-profit environmental groups need funding to help protect communities from the devastating impacts of flooding.

I expect the government to work for all of its citizens equally. There should be no divide between rural and urban opportunities for excellence in education, good health care and environmental funding.

Sheila Ziman  
Algonquin Highlands

# Creating new opportunities and making life more affordable

An Open Letter from MPP Laurie Scott

When our government was elected last June, the province of Ontario was spending \$40 million more per day than it was taking in. Although we knew the state of the province's books was bad – we didn't know the full extent of Liberal mismanagement. The independent line-by-line audit discovered that the actual deficit figure was not \$6.7 billion as claimed by the Wynne Liberal government – but \$15 billion (which we have since reduced to \$11.7 billion). That is a massive figure, but it is still dwarfed by Ontario's total debt of \$325 billion – the highest sub-national debt in the world.

Restoring fiscal sanity to the province and ensuring the sustainability of core government services for future generations requires sacrifices to be made. Although we are taking a reasonable and measured approach to deficit reduction, certain programs and services that are failing to provide maximum value for taxpayers' dollars are being modernized.

Haliburton County has one of the highest proportions of seniors in Ontario. Also, I know that many local residents struggle to afford housing, home heating, electricity, transportation, and food. Many constituents have expressed their frustration that the cost of living always seems to rise, while their income stays the same. We are working to change this.

Two of our government's top priorities are encouraging the creation of good-paying jobs, and making life more affordable for families and seniors.

As Minister of Labour, I have been focused on creating good-paying jobs by making Ontario one of the most competitive labour markets in North America. Our reforms included in the Making Ontario Open for Business Act, and Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act are working – Ontario has

created over 91,000 net new full-time jobs since last December.

By reducing unfair red tape and giving job creators greater confidence, we are helping to create new opportunities for local workers. In our region, 1,500 net new jobs were created in April and the year-over-year unemployment rate fell from 6.8 per cent in April 2018 to 6.2 per cent in April 2019.

We know that when we create new opportunities, and make life more affordable – everyone wins.

Our government repealed the cap-and-trade carbon tax that was increasing home heating bills, and gas prices. Unfortunately, the Trudeau federal government instituted their own unaffordable and ineffective carbon tax, which we're currently battling in court. We know that the carbon tax disproportionately and unfairly hurts rural residents, such as those in Haliburton, who have no choice but to drive and have limited options for home heating. We introduced a made-in-Ontario climate change plan that will meet our Paris Agreement targets – without a costly and ineffective carbon tax that hurts rural Ontarians.

Many families have also told me about their difficulties finding affordable child care in Haliburton County. In Budget 2019, we introduced the CARE tax credit, which will provide up to \$6,000 per child in relief from child care expenses. The benefits from the CARE tax credit will be targeted to those families who need it the most – the median Haliburton County household with an income of \$58,125 would see a 75 per cent reduction in their child care expenses. More affordable child care will also empower more women to enter the workforce.

Additionally, minimum wage earners will pay no provincial income tax for the 2019 tax year as a result of our LIFT tax credit.

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## Working to increase housing supply

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Individuals earning less than \$38,500 and families earning less than \$68,500 will also see a reduction in their provincial income tax.

Our recently introduced Housing Supply Action Plan will help create more affordable housing opportunities by making it easier to build new housing across the province, including in Haliburton County.

Over the next six years, we will provide over \$26 billion in tax relief to Ontario families, businesses, and seniors, and balance the budget. This is a responsible approach that protects what matters most, while addressing the affordability challenges that many families and seniors in our region are facing.

MPP Laurie Scott  
Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock

## Pinestone to honour Murray Fearrey at Community Builders Awards evening

On June 21, Pinestone Resort will honour Murray Fearrey for his 40 years of service to the community as part of the first Pinestone Resort Community Builder Awards night. While Fearrey's award will be an important part of the evening, the event will also recognize the valuable community contributions of Art Ward, Bob Stinson and the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.

All of the recipients of the award have, in their own way, demonstrated significant contributions to the Haliburton Highlands from the year that Pinestone was open in 1976 to present day. Recipients were voted on by an online poll that ended earlier this month. Recipients of the award will also have a personalized plaque recognizing their contribution displayed at the resort.

Art Ward, longtime co-owner of Wigamog Resort, was also the first innkeeper of Pinestone Resort and was a very active promoter and advocate of tourism in the Haliburton Highlands.

Bob Stinson was the co-owner of Willow Beach Cottages, active Chamber of Commerce board member and in recent years helped to develop the local chapter of Canadian Association of Retired Persons.

For nearly 50 years, the HCSEA has been developing and maintaining trails throughout the county. Their tireless efforts have helped to support tourism facilities and local business and have become known as some of the best sledding to be found anywhere.

A portion of event proceeds will be donated to the high school students' bursary program to support the development of future community builders. The resort plans to make this an annual event to continue to highlight achievements of those that made our county what it is today.

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# Lake ice changes create biological shift in lakes

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Among the shifts being brought about by climate change are changes to lake ice cover patterns, which ultimately affect the biology of the lakes themselves.

Dr. Laura Brown, an assistant professor with the University of Toronto, presented findings on changes in Haliburton County lake ice during the Celebration of Research event at Haliburton Forest on May 10.

The annual event provides an opportunity for those conducting scientific research on the forest property to share their work.

As Brown informed the crowd at the outset of her presentation, the research she was presenting is performed by her students. "They do all the field work, all the hard work, and then I just make the graphs and share the data," she said.

Lakes cover 11 per cent of Ontario.

"They interact with the climate, and they respond to the climate," Brown said. "One of the useful climate metrics we can use is the lake ice duration. It's a good proxy for climate variability and change."

"So, why do we care about changing ice cover?" she continued. "Any kind of physical change to the ice cover will be linked to the geochemical and biological changes in the lakes. How long you have open water will affect how warm the water can get, how much solar radiation goes into the water, and this can have changes in the geochemical processes."

This means that nutrient levels in a lake can change, or that amounts of oxygen in a lake can change, both of which can impact its entire ecosystem.

"In the north, we see species shifts, we see algae changes, and this is all linked to the physical properties of the ice," said Brown, who conducts much of her own research in the Arctic.

In general, lake ice cover duration is decreasing across the northern hemisphere. However, within Ontario, climate variability – particularly the number of mid-winter thaws – mean that some lakes keep their ice longer than others.

"Some of the lakes have it coming off sooner, some of

the lakes have it coming off later," Brown said.

Essentially, there are two types of ice: black ice and white ice. Whether an area has more black ice or more white ice affects the rate at which its ice cover duration is decreasing over time.

"The black ice is the clear that you can see down to the bottom," Brown said. "It forms thermodynamically from heat loss, and the snow cover, when it falls and lands on the ice, provides some insulation. So once you have a snow cover, your ice doesn't form quite as quickly. But once you have too much snow, it pushes the ice down below the water, [the ice] cracks, then floods. That flooded ice then refreezes as white ice."

One of the big differences between black ice and white ice is that white ice is much more reflective.

"In particular, this affects the break-up timing," Brown said.

The frequent mid-winter thaws that Ontario now experiences, mean more layers of white ice are building up in lake ice, as the ice thaws, floods, then freezes again.

"We have a lot more white ice in the temperate region than we do in the north," Brown said.

Students collected ice thickness data using acoustic sonar equipment in concert with satellite imagery. During the past four winters, the ice composition on the Haliburton lakes they've studied have had white ice compositions of between 25 and 70 per cent, last season seeing ratios of about 50 per cent white ice and 50 per cent black.

The Arctic, by comparison, has only about one per cent white ice. That means average ice cover duration is decreasing at a much quicker rate in the Arctic than it is in Haliburton County, and other parts of Ontario.

Students looked at county ice measurements dating back to 1888.

"There's an overall decline [in average ice thickness] of one centimetre per decade," Brown said.

By comparison and for context, in the Arctic, about 50 centimetres of ice thickness has been lost in the past 60 years.

"We are thinning, but not at the same rates that we're seeing in the north," she said.

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# Integrity commissioner clarifies social media restrictions for council

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Highlands East has received clarification from the integrity commissioner regarding critical comments of government and politicians on social media that was dividing the council.

The Code of Conduct which includes social media policy use, was first approved at a Feb. 12 regular meeting of council, but amendments were made to the bylaw after the integrity commissioner was consulted by county clerks.

One of those amendments was in section 14.3, where the Code of Conduct first noted members of council or committees must refrain from posting content which a) violates the Criminal Code of Canada or the Ontario Human Rights Code; b) proprietary and confidential municipal information; c) and discriminatory, disrespectful, disparaging, negative statements about the municipality, a staff member, member of the public or council member.

The amended code added political parties, other levels of government, its officials or representatives to that list of people in section C.

In a recorded vote on March 26, Mayor Dave Burton and councillors Cam McKenzie and Ruth Strong voted to approve the amendments, while Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall and Councillor Suzanne Partridge voted no, citing unreasonable restrictions related to being able to comment on political parties, other levels of government, its officials or representatives.

Though the amendments were

approved, Highlands East clerk Robyn Rogers sought clarification from H.G. Elston, integrity commissioner, regarding the wording of the section, who responded by writing:

*"A proper interpretation and application of policy 14.3 c) requires that the meaning of the policy be understood from a reading of the entire policy, and giving its words their common, everyday meaning. From that, it is clear that the prohibitions in 14.3 are meant to address profoundly incorrect, even criminal behaviour."*

*"With respect to policy 14.3 c) in particular, it characterizes the tone of the language to be avoided as 'discriminatory, disrespectful, disparaging, and negative'; descriptors which will only apply to statements on social media which will be readily and commonly understood to be highly improper."*

*"To look at it another way, policy 14.3 and sub-policy 14.3 c) serve merely to confirm and codify the existing social conventions and legal prohibitions against making defamatory-like statements about any member of the greater community. The specific reference to political parties and their representatives acknowledges only that members of council operate in a political environment and may, from time to time, feel the need to make public comments about politicians from other levels of government or groups. In my opinion, it is not the intent of the policy to curtail the free and fair expression of opinions or commentary, but only to ensure that it is conducted in a civil manner."*

*"Of course, any complaint about a particular social media post will have to be reviewed independently and on its facts. That said, if it is any comfort, I do not interpret policy 14.3 c) as constituting any kind of a 'gag' order on*

*members of council vis-à-vis statements they may wish to make about other politicians or political parties, but only as a reminder that any social media post which is critical of another should, at the same time, be delivered in a respectful and fair manner."*

"If we had to get interpretation, why don't they just word it so it's understandable," said Partridge. "It needs clarity."

Ryall said he didn't have an interest in criticizing political parties, but: "If someone were to turn around and increase or decrease the funding for something, that's a policy decision ... and that's a situation where I want to be able to say, I don't agree with that."

"And you can, as long as it's respectful," said Rogers.

"That's not how it came across," said Ryall.

"So we don't say, they're idiots, which is what you might want to say," said Partridge.

"Unfortunately being a member of government, a politician yourself, you tend to get zoned in a little more than perhaps a regular individual in public so you have to curtail or be a little bit more cautious, I guess," said Rogers.

"So say what you think, but not really what you think," said Burton.

Elston was hired in December to act as integrity commissioner for the county and its lower-tier townships, as per provincial legislation.

## The Night Sky

High above us after dark is the third largest constellation, Ursa Major, the Great Bear. Easy to spot from its most recognizable asterism, the big dipper. Use the big dipper to etch out the Great Bear. The handle of the dipper is the bear's tail and the four stars of its bowl mark the back half of the bear's body. Two more out front of the bowl complete its body and farther out one more star marks the bear's head. From the bottom of the bear's body front and back, trace out two fainter arcs of stars that make up the bear's legs. This constellation is full of deep space objects, nearby in our galaxy and far beyond it.

Reddish Mars makes its eastward wander against the backdrop of Gemini in the west after sunset appearing fainter than its brightest stars. Jupiter rises in the southeast around 10 p.m. followed less than two hours later by Saturn, the ringed planet. Venus continues to make an amazing predawn sight in the eastern sky before sunrise.

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# Highlands East council to look at development charges

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## Development study

Rogers presented to council a development charges background study project

from the county.

A staff report from county planner Charley White in April explains, "Development charges are one-time fees imposed by municipalities on land developers, home builders and institutions

when they develop or build upon an area of land. The fees are intended to offset the cost of increased municipal services and infrastructure required due to population growth within the municipality resulting from new development. A development

charge may be imposed across all or only part of the municipality and more than one development charge bylaw can apply to an area."

Development charges do not currently exist within Haliburton County or the four lower tiers, but they are widespread in many Ontario municipalities.

Three options were proposed to council: that council approve participation with the county and direct a staff member to collaborate in the creation of a request for proposal for a completion of the study; that council opt to not participate regarding the creation of an RFP for a development charges study, or that council defer the discussion to allow for further discussion to take place.

"Not knowing is also not smart, so if all we're going to be doing here is committing to finding out more information, without being committed to development charges, then I think it's a good thing," said Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall.

Council opted for the first option in support.

## RV draft bylaw in final review

Bylaw enforcement officer Wayne Galloway brought a recreational vehicles draft bylaw to council, asking them to "go through it, review it, have a good look at it," and return to him with any changes so the final draft can be adopted at the June 11 council meeting.

"We took your concerns to heart and tried to work them back in, I think most of them are there now," said Galloway. "I would like you to really go through this bylaw, pick it apart, see if there's any problems."

The draft bylaw has been in the works since February 2018, and is available for review by clicking on May 14 and reviewing the council meeting agenda at [haliburton.civicweb.net](http://haliburton.civicweb.net).

## Clean and Clear bylaw rewritten

Several complaints about various properties not conforming to the Clean and Clear bylaw in place in Highlands East have resulted in a 2004 bylaw being amended to reflect today's standards, according to Galloway.

"After several attempts to work within the confines of that bylaw it was decided that it would be better to draft an entirely new bylaw that would take into consideration the views and opinions of council from September 2018," reported Galloway. "Currently there are five different and distinct definitions of what 'waste' material includes. While the five definitions are all-encompassing they also create a situation wherein I believe that every property within the municipality is in contravention of the current bylaw."

The draft bylaw now being reviewed has a "new definition for derelict motor vehicles and refuse has been lumped together which should encompass all five of the previous definitions."

Exceptions have been made for agricultural lands and naturalized areas in regards to grass or weeds exceeding eight inches in height, and a clarification has been made regarding the storage and number of motor vehicles allowed on any property. "As you travel around our fair municipality have a look and see if our bylaws will cover some of the properties that we have," Galloway said to council.

The draft bylaw is available for review by clicking on May 14 and reviewing the council meeting agenda at [haliburton.civicweb.net](http://haliburton.civicweb.net).

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# New book promises guidance on stocked lakes

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A new book by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association is promising a clearer picture of the stocked lakes in Haliburton County.

*Stocked Lakes Guidebook* provides the public with insight about dozens of stocked lakes. Each page provides the reader with the name of the lake, including the contours of the lake to know where to fish, the fish species present and directions to boat access launches.

HHOA vice-president of operations Dan Smith said this book is a fundraising initiative that will provide needed funds and inform the public about the organization's stocking efforts.

"They get an idea of what we're doing as an organization. The main thing is what you see here," he said, pointing to the pond at the HHOA fish hatchery, "is all the stocking we do to our county lakes, which keeps the fishery in Haliburton

County doing really well and improving it as well. And it's information to anglers and outdoors people on where they can go and fish successfully."

The book took close to a year to complete and included the help of HHOA volunteers.

The partners with the HHOA on this project, as listed on the book's cover include the MNRF, Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, Haliburton County Development Corporation, Community Hatchery Program, and Haliburton County Tourism.

Smith appreciated the work of local printer Parker Pad and Printing during this process.

The wire-bound book, measuring 8.5-by-11 inches, is more of a coffee-table book than one to be kept in the boat. Price has yet to be decided.

The book will be available at locations around the county.

Smith, who has volunteered for the HHOA for four years, is hopeful the book will be ready to sell at the Haliburton

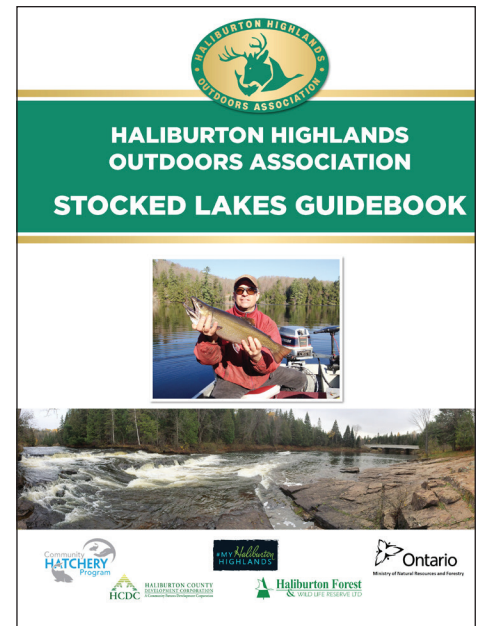
Home and Cottage Show from May 31 to June 2 at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

There is an initial print run of 500.

"It's good not just for the community, but also people coming up, cottagers. I've been up here for 12 years and I joined the hatchery because I've been a fisherman and hunter all my life and I honestly wanted to see where the fish are. Cottagers probably want to know the same," he said.

Although the street date for the book is unknown right now, it is highly anticipated, Smith said.

"We went around to local businesses, fishing lodges, restaurants, outdoor stores, real estate [agents] ... basically went and asked them if they want to buy advertisements in this book, which informs the public about local businesses as well," he said. "Everyone we talked to said, 'This is great.' It's going to be good for our customers. Good for the community. Good for fishermen and outdoors people alike."



## Council supports cottage association's Glamor Lake Park plan

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Glamor Lake Park is a candidate for a makeover.

The site was identified for a shoreline restoration project by the Glamor Lake and Little Glamor Lake Associations, which were represented by Steve Cosentino in a delegation to Highlands East council on May 14.

"We have serious degradation there," he said. "We've got trees that are aging out, they need to be taken out, replaced, we've got erosion issues in the elevated parking area where people are managing to go between the boulders with ATVs and snowmobiles, eroding the whole hillside, we've got issues with geese there, because they've got a clear line of sight because the natural vegetation has been removed, so we put together a plan."

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association retained Glenside Ecological Services to assess shorelines, tree and trail management, parking and other issues and develop a shoreline and picnic area naturalization plan, at a cost

of \$5,000 paid for in part by CHA and in part by the lake associations.

Environmental consultant Paul Heaven of Glenside presented the plan to Highlands East council alongside Cosentino.

"In terms of the shoreline assessment, what we tried to do here is really look at the shore and work with the traffic, we don't want to try to block traffic or stop the way things work," said Heaven. "People go down to the beach to swim, that's the way they're going to go, and we're not going to block that by putting up shrubbery and trees ... that doesn't work."

Eighteen compartments were identified in need of mitigation with prescriptions tailored to use by creating access points using stone steps for swimmers or standing stones in areas where fishing is popular and accommodating traffic rather than blocking it and enhancing buffers.

Ninety of the trees on the land were assessed, and 37 per cent were found to have major defects – cankers, crown dieback, spiral seams – with 21 being recommended for removal to maintain shade and enhance stand structure. Heaven stressed a safety and risk assessment had not been conducted.

Clearly defined trails were recommended, with a stabilized trail bed and surface water being diverted away from the trail, while ATV traffic can be deterred with placement of large stones. Natural barriers from deformed cull logs or large boulders were recommended to keep the parking area organized.

Cosentino estimated the project would cost \$20,000 but said, "that's retail," suggesting that the number could come down with volunteer work and municipal help in the form of equipment and materials like boulders.

"We don't have to do this project all at once, but if we want to at least protect this shoreline, say this fall, we need to apply for permits [from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry] now, and that falls on the municipality to do that because it's municipal property," said Cosentino.

He stressed that though it's an initiative of the cottage associations, the project was intended to be good for everyone in the community.

"You know this property is pretty heavily used on weekends, and it's not just by cottagers. If you go there on a Saturday or

Sunday in the summertime and it's local people that are down there. So this isn't all about cottagers and the cottage association, this is for everybody."

Cam McKenzie said he read through the plan in detail, and said the cost of the plan was well worth it.

"You took into consideration the present uses ... you want to maintain and in some cases you are going to enhance them," he said. "There was really no negative impact on current uses and in some cases you've enhanced them."

Cosentino said the project could show-case shoreline remediation.

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall commended the plan and said he couldn't see any downside to the project. He recommended supporting the plan in principle to get permit applications underway, making note the council wasn't yet committing to in-kind or financial commitments.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said staff might also be able to determine what could be done in-house.

Council unanimously supported the project, directing staff to apply for permits.

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# Taking stock

HHOA continues giving back to lakes



Photos by Darren Lum



The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association finished its spring fish stocking operation last week with the support of the Ministry of Natural Resources, who provided helicopter and boat transport of fish at area lakes.

Over 12 days, HHOA volunteers helped with the stocking

of 17 lakes with some 25,000 fish, including rainbow trout, lake trout and Haliburton gold. Among the public lakes stocked were Buckskin Lake, Cedar Lake, Crystal Lake, Monmouth Lake, North Pigeon Lake and Wilbermere Lake. The stocking operation is part of the HHOA's ongoing

efforts to contribute to the community, which includes sustainable management of natural resources. The stocking operation involves collecting eggs and then raising the fish at the fish hatchery over the year so they can be reintroduced to the outdoors.



Top, a rainbow trout is held.  
Top right, HHOA volunteers carry a fish net to the fish hatchery pond, preparing for the transfer of rainbow trout to the hatchery's holding tank.  
Middle, volunteers remove algae from buckets, separating the rainbow trout, which are transferred to buckets.  
Bottom right, the net is pulled across the pond, catching rainbow trout.  
Bottom left, volunteers are reflected in the pond.



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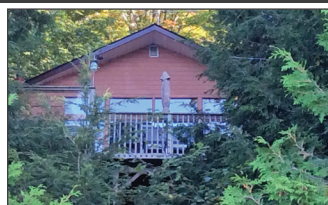
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## NW Exp. Sunsets, Kennisis \$539,000

- 3 Bdrm. Yr Rd Cottage, Open Concept LR/DR/Kit
- Wood Flrs, Cathedral, Back Split, Sauna
- Several Decks, Priv, Deep Water, Wide Lk View



Mark Dennys\*  
457-0473

## Home on Burnt River \$369,900

- Apprx 145 Ft Frtg, 0.583 Acres
- Apprx 1471 Sq Ft, 2+1 Bdrm, 2 Bath
- Open Concept, Wkshp w/Hydro



Tom Ecclestone\*\*  
286-2138 x 26

## Gull River \$345,900

- 3-bedroom Cottage on Minden's Gull River
- 1100 sq. feet, open concept living, furnished
- Western exposure, sandy beach and deep water



Lindsay Elder\*  
457-5878

## Gull Lake Cottage \$549,900

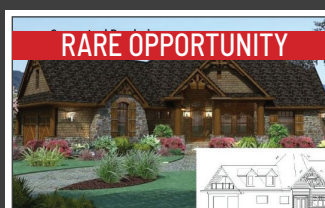
- 4 season, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths
- Beautiful view of Gull Lake
- One of our premier lakes, great boating, fishing & more!



Lee Gauthier\*\*  
469-9968

## Beautiful Newer Home \$389,000

- Well built 2000 sf, fully winterized Viceroy
- 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, expensive list of upgrades
- Private, wooded backyard has a large fishpond



Fred Heinzer\*\*  
788-5825

## Pell Lake \$699,000

- Custom built, 3300 sq. ft. home with 4 beds, 4 baths (partially completed)
- Over 500' waterfront on quiet lake in Lake of Bays area



Andrew Hodgson\*\*  
286-2138 x 29

## Haliburton Home \$579,900

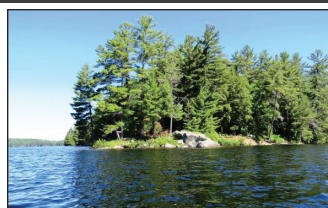
- Stunning house on a 108-acre property
- Private paradise with trails, streams & ponds
- 3000 sq. ft renovated, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths



Susanne James\*  
Andy Mosher\*\*  
457-2128 x 33

## Cranberry Lake \$589,900

- 4-season cottage/home built in 2002
- Superb privacy, 240' lake frontage
- South exposure, Year-round Municipal Road



Rosemarie Jung\*  
457-7049

## Private Lot on Kushog Lake \$239,900

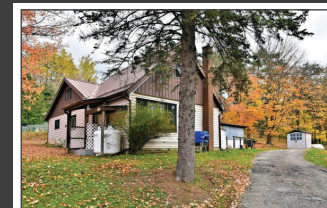
- Southern 4 acre point of Goat Island
- 1290' of Waterfrontage, excellent Swimming
- Make this your Serene HAPPY PLACE



David Lee\*  
286-2138 x 27

## 400 Acre Farm \$1,199,000

- Some pasture
- Large waterfront on Fishog river
- Barn in good shape
- Sugar Shack



Brandon Nimigon\*  
457-2128 x 27

## Haliburton Home \$239,000

- 3 Bedroom home, 1540 Sq Ft of living space
- Easy walking to downtown Haliburton
- Perfect Investment, Starter or Retirement home



Karen Nimigon\*\*  
457-2128 x 29

## Charming Home \$357,000

- 3+ Bedroom home in Haliburton Village
- Open concept, full finished lower level
- Not directly on the water, yet steps from Head Lake.



Kirsten Rae\*  
286-2138 x 30

## Holmes Road \$43,000

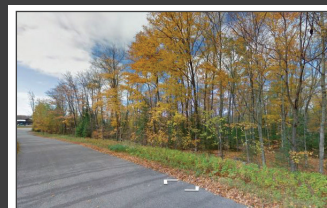
- Partially cleared, half acre building lot
- Within walking distance to downtown Wilberforce
- Quiet residential area



Darlene Reil\*  
447-2055

## Fortescue Lake \$349,900

- 3-bedroom cottage with sunroom
- With 148 feet of great frontage



Christine Sharp\*  
286-2138 x59

## Deeded Moose Lake Access \$97,600

- Over an acre of land
- Steps from Sir Sam's ski hill
- Easy access



Greg Stamp\*  
457-2128 x 28

## Soyers Lake \$1,899,000

- Timber Frame cottage/home, 5 bdrms & 3 baths
- Open concept, high-end finishing's throughout
- 275 ft of water frontage, waterside deck



Melanie Vigrass\*  
286-2138 x 32

## Minden Home \$499,000

- Bungalow w/ Finished W/O Basement
- "Chalk" Kitchen, 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths
- Privacy on 7 Acres, 5 Mins to Town
- Det'd Insulated 26' x 36' Garage



Lindsay Wilkinson  
286-2138 x 23

## Minden Home \$649,000

- Renovated Century Home on 100 acres.
- Large barn, guest log cabin & several outbuildings
- Solar generation provides added income.



Andrea Wilson\*\*  
457-2128 x 25

## Haliburton Village Home \$519,000

- 3-bedroom, 2.5 bath home on over an acre
- Open concept principle rooms, Dbl det'd garage
- Access to private, members only park

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Guitarists use them  
5. Makes less intense  
11. Julia Louis-Dreyfus series  
12. Once in a while  
16. Up to the time of  
17. A moon of Jupiter  
18. "Riddley Walker" writer  
19. Basketball's 'Grand-mama'  
24. Gallium  
25. Stocky sea duck  
26. Expressions of delight  
27. Albanian monetary unit  
28. Some are electric  
29. Refine  
30. Clusters  
31. Get rid of  
33. Female body part  
34. Passerine bird  
38. One who is killed for their religion  
39. Green (Spanish)  
40. Partner to awe  
43. Flightless, running Aussie birds  
44. One who breaks up the ground  
45. Sacred language of some Hindu texts  
49. Get free of  
50. Furnace of burning  
51. Sent in large quantities

53. Type of medical patient (abbr.)  
54. Failure to follow the rules  
56. Egyptian unit of capacity  
58. A public promotion of some product or service  
59. Strongly scented shrub  
60. Miserable in appearance  
63. Coagulated blood  
64. Boil at low temperature  
65. Republic of Ireland

CLUES DOWN

1. Pull or tear away  
2. Dennis is one  
3. Gas  
4. Popular rec activities  
5. Owl genus  
6. Cries  
7. Morning  
8. Pass catcher  
9. Spirit of an era  
10. Suffix  
13. Megabyte  
14. In an expectant manner  
15. More curving  
20. Plural of thou  
21. Son with the same name  
22. Not one

23. The woman  
27. Uncouth man  
29. Laugh  
30. Sustained viral response (abbr.)  
31. Between northeast and east  
32. In the matter of  
33. A tree that bears acorns  
34. Supervised  
35. Not quite a full earner  
36. Unpleasant substance  
37. Some are fake  
38. Hammer is a famous one  
40. Type of cup  
41. Poisonous Eurasian plant  
42. An alternative  
44. Belongs to he  
45. Bond actor's real name  
46. Ring-shaped objects  
47. One who reads in a church service  
48. Conceive  
50. One educated in Japan  
51. Rural delivery  
52. Robot smarts (abbr.)  
54. Women  
55. German river  
57. Delaware  
61. Automaker  
62. Mystic syllable

Answers on page 18



Last early bird draw for Cash for Care

From left, Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Carolyn Plummer, HHHS Foundation director Glenn Scott, and HHHSF board vice-chair Eric Recalla helped to facilitate the final Cash for Care early bird draw on May 15. The seventh annual draw raises money for medical equipment for health services. Margaret Clayton from Whitby was the winner of the final early bird draw for \$500. The final draws taking place on May 30 will have cash prizes of \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$20,000./VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

DVD of the Month – May

Disney's Mary Poppins Returns with (Emily Blunt & Lin-Manuel Miranda)

Decades after her original visit, magical nanny Mary Poppins returns to help the Banks siblings through troubled times once again. After an adult Michael Banks loses his wife, he's left to care for his three children: Annabel, John, and Georgie, all by himself. With money running short, the Banks family struggling, the Banks family is at risk of losing their beloved childhood home. Even with help from Michael's selfless sister, Jane, the future looks bleak. Enter: A lost kite, a friendly lamplighter (Lin-Manuel Miranda), and of course – with the artful aplomb that only Disney can deliver – the "practically perfect" nanny herself (Emily Blunt). Set in London, England during the Great Slump, *Mary Poppins Returns* is a delightful tale full of all the magic, whimsy and wonder of the original, and it is currently available for reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON  
LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-008/19  
Applicant: Harcourt Park Inc.  
Location of the Property: Plan Georges, Lake Lots 34 & 35; Part Lot 15, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Harcourt  
Nature of the Application: To grant a lease

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 21st day of May, 2019.

Lisa Gillan  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Haliburton County Land Division Committee  
11 Newcastle Street  
P. O. Box 399  
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0  
Telephone: (705) 286-1333  
or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 248  
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# Challenging week on the pitch for Hawks

DOUG SULLIVAN

*Special to the Echo*

The HHSS girls soccer teams saw lots of action last week. With weather conditions wreaking havoc on the schedule the girls had to make up two postponed games, forcing them to play three games in three days.

On Wednesday the girls travelled to LCVI to face the Spartans in Lindsay. In the first game, the senior team got off to a slow start as LCVI dominated possession and created many scoring chances. They eventually broke down the Red Hawk defenders, and ended the first half with a 3-0 lead. The Hawks looked stronger after the break. Hawks player Melissa Brinkos scored after pick-

ing up her own rebound on a corner kick, making a quick deke, and then firing a great shot across the the box and into the far corner of the net. At that point it looked like the Red Hawks were going to make a game of it, but another Spartans' goal deflated the team and they went down to defeat.

In the second game the juniors were also facing a difficult task versus a strong and experienced team. The play went back and forth with both teams getting chances. LCVI was the first to strike on a goal area scramble, as the ball somehow found its way into the back of the net. The Red Hawks continued their strong play and after a great through ball by Danaya McDuff midfielder Hayley Boylan outpaced two Spartan defenders and beat the keeper with a great shot. The teams continued to battle back and forth but after an LCVI player was tripped in the penalty area, they were awarded a penalty kick and

converted to take a 2-1 lead. The Red Hawks kept getting opportunities, but could not score the equalizer and lost by one goal.

On Thursday, the Red Hawks once again faced a strong AAA team from St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School in Peterborough. The seniors were overpowered and lost, but battled hard, and despite some good chances could not get one past the St. Pete's goalkeeper.

The juniors also faced the St. Pete's junior powerhouse, but they fared better than the seniors as they managed to score three in a loss. Gillian Rosik showed fine form, as she has been displaying all year. She was hauled down in the penalty area and teammate Hayley Boylan scored on the ensuing penalty kick for the first Hawks goal. Rosik then scored two spectacular goals as she sprinted past the defenders and beat the keeper both times.

# Keep an eye out for Storm the Trent athletes this weekend

JENN WATT

*Editor*

Upwards of 700 people will be storming the Highlands this weekend, competing in an adventure race in the water and on the trails. This will be Storm the Trent's second year in Haliburton County and area residents can expect to see waterways filled with canoes and runners jogging through forests with their distinctive competition vests.

Though exactly which lakes and trails participants will be paddling, running and cycling is a closely guarded secret.

Sean Roper, race director and founder of the event, said part of the attraction of adventure races is you can't plan for it ahead of time.

"Part of the concept is you don't know what you're doing until you get there," he explained.

Adventure racing became popular in the late 1990s and early 2000s with the TV program *Eco-Challenge: The Expedition Race*, created by Mark Burnett of *Survivor* fame. It combines several disciplines, usually mountain biking, trekking and paddling, though others can be incorporated and typically is on unmarked routes, requiring use of a compass and map.

What makes Storm the Trent different is that it includes races for varying levels of experience, allowing those who want to try it out or who want a lower-intensity race, to take part.

"We presented this concept of a very entry level, get-your-feet-wet concept of the disciplines involved in an adventure race," Roper said. Participants can compete individually or in teams.

As the name suggests, initially the races were held in the Kawartha Lakes area, but after exploring that region for many years, organizers wanted to branch out.

"We approached the municipality at the end of 2017 and brought forward the concept of bringing the event north and suggested that we had about three years' worth of course designs that we could potentially piece together if there was willingness. The [Haliburton] region welcomed us with open arms," Roper said.

Of the 700 people participating on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26, there are only eight local teams. Competitors are mostly from Ontario, but also the United States. Because adventure racing is the kind of event people often think about as a "bucket list" item,



Storm the Trent participants await the go signal for a 7km paddle around Head Lake last year for the paddling portion of an adventure race that also included up to 60km of mountain biking and 13km of trail trekking. This year, participants will take a new route. You're likely to see them on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26./SUE TIFFIN Staff

Roper says there aren't many repeat participants – so likely those coming to Haliburton this year are different from the ones who were here in 2018.

At the same time, there are certainly many dedicated returnees. You can tell who they are by their green vests.

Storm the Trent takes place May 25 and 26. Find out more by going to [stormthetrent.com](http://stormthetrent.com).

## NOTICE (Applicant – COI)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF GOODERHAM LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the *Municipal Procedures*, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **June 11, 2019** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lots 24 and 25, Concession 7, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a preliminary Plan of survey made by Greg Bishop Surveyors and Consulting Lg Ltd., O.L.S., **dated November 1, 2017**

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

**DATED** at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 21st day of May, 2019.

ROBYN ROGERS, CLERK  
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road  
WILBERFORCE, ON K0L 3C0

## NOTICE (Applicant – WOLFE)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the *Municipal Procedures*, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 11th day of June, 2019** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 32, Concession 7, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, made by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., O.L.S., **dated June 22, 1998**, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on Plan 19R-6499, (Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East.)

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

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Municipality of Dysart et al  
*In the Heart of the Haliburton Highlands*

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Council, at their May 28, 2019 meeting, will be considering amendments to Schedule "C" of the Fees By-law 2018-22 pertaining to Fire Department Fees:

- New fees will be established for Fireworks Permits at \$60.00 each, plus HST.

Cheryl Coulson, Clerk  
[ccoulson@dysartet.al.ca](mailto:ccoulson@dysartet.al.ca)

UPCOMING

# Community Events

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at [classifieds@haliburtonpress.com](mailto:classifieds@haliburtonpress.com)

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**Abbey Retreat Centre, Community Wellness Speaker Series**  
When: May 21, 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Heather Reid. From Gravel Pit To Beautiful Gardens – Healing Our Environment One Day At A Time  
Contact: [info@abbeyretreatcentre.ca](mailto:info@abbeyretreatcentre.ca) or 705-754-2966  
Donations support The Abbey Retreat Centre Cancer Support Program.  
Visit our website for speaker profiles and more detailed information.  
[www.abbeyretreatcentre.ca/News-Events](http://www.abbeyretreatcentre.ca/News-Events)

**Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic**  
When: Wednesday, May 22, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

**Haliburton County Historical Society, AGM**  
When: Thursday, May 23, 12 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Museum  
Pot Luck lunch, General meeting to follow  
Guest Speaker: Gail Leach-Wunker of the Genealogy Group  
Please bring your own plate & cutlery  
**“Surviving Summer... Safely”**  
When: Saturday, May 25 at 10 to Noon  
Where: Stanhope Firefighters Hall, North Shore Road Maple, Beech & Cameron (MBC) Lakes Property Association's “Surviving Summer ... Safely” forum will provide information on fire, health and water safety. Learn safety tips from experts Marta Scythes, canoe/ kayak instructor and founder of the PREVENTABLE water safety imitative, Mike Cavanagh, Fire Chief, Algonquin Highlands and Jo-Ann Hendry, Deputy Chief, Haliburton County Paramedic Service. Everyone is welcome to this free event. Refreshments will be served and you could win a life preserver! For more information check MBC's website [www.mbclakes.ca](http://www.mbclakes.ca)

**Haliburton Legion present the Stockdale Central in the Clubroom**  
When: Saturday, May 25, 3 to 6 p.m  
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom  
Cost: \$5 cover charge for non-members  
50/50 draw at 6 p.m.  
Please visit the website for more information: [www.haliburtonlegion.com](http://www.haliburtonlegion.com)

**Gord Kidd & Friends, Ian Pay featuring Don Stiver on his steel guitar**  
When: Saturday May 25, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Where: Kinmount Legion

**Highlands Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert**  
When: May 25 at 7:30 p.m.  
Where: Northern Lights Pavillion, Haliburton  
Divas, a Celebration of Women in Music: Come see the Highlands Chamber Orchestra perform a selection of music composed exclusively by women.  
Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$25 for an adult accompanying a child under 16.  
Available from Orchestra members, Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton, or Minden Pharmasave. To reserve, call 705-286-0413.



Juliette Arsenault and Ray Martin, owners of Eco-Choice Pest Control, are excited about their new Haliburton location at 199 Highland Street. They are hoping to be able to provide consultations, assist local honey producers and sell the honey products they produce. Eco-Choice operated out of Minden and was started by Martin in 2011. The couple welcomes the public to the location's soft opening on June 3 and the official grand opening on June 8./ DARREN LUM Staff

# Eco–Choice Pest Control moves to Haliburton

DARREN LUM  
Staff Reporter

Welcome Eco-Choice Pest Control to Haliburton.  
Started in 2011 by Ray Martin, the pest control business has moved from its Minden location to 199 Highland St. (formerly Why Not Collect It?).  
According to the Eco-Choice website, the business is “dedicated to providing timely and ecologically responsible solutions to pest issues, while sharing knowledge and suggesting an integrated approach to pest management. Your ecological choice for pest control services, wildlife removal, tree care or property maintenance.”  
Martin and fiance Juliette Arsenault are excited about the new location called The Hive, and what it will mean for their business with five full-time staff members and their customers.  
This new location will serve double-duty, as it will also be a retail space for beekeeping supplies and the products the couple produce as beekeepers.  
“We are also beekeepers so we will be able to sell our honey out of the new storefront and will carry some beekeeping supplies. There are a lot of beekeepers in the area but nowhere local to purchase supplies so we hope to collect some buying power to save money for beekeepers across the county. We know it’s a weird combination to do pest control and beekeeping, but we love insects and we figure it restores some karma for us to keep beneficial insects alive!” Arsenault said.  
This location highlights the business’s attention to serving its customers.  
“We are really proud of the service portion of our business but we didn’t have much to offer all the DIY-ers in the area. There are a lot of really cool products out there

that most people don’t know about and a lot of them are focused on prevention. If we can help people avoid pest problems it can help keep their families safe and save them money in the long run,” Arsenault wrote in an email.  
Eco-Choice Pest Control has a soft opening scheduled for June 3, but if they are ready before they will open. They will have a grand opening on June 8.  
This business serves Haliburton County and the surrounding areas such as Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Muskoka, Dwight, Hastings and Durham Region.  
The move included renovations to update the Haliburton location.  
It was completely transformed into a modern and spacious retail space with new flooring and lighting, addition of insulation and drywall as well as removing interior walls and adding an office and break room. This space features some special touches such as custom window bars that include their company logo and a shelving unit with hexagonal spaces, resembling a hive.  
The timing of the opportunity was perfect for the business owners, who had been looking for a location to move to.  
“We still can’t believe how lucky we were that the building went up for sale at the exact time we were looking for a space. The family that owned it before had it for almost 100 years so we are excited to extend this legacy and add our chapter to it,” Arsenault said.  
For more information, visit Eco-Choice Pest Control at their new location or website ([www.ecochoicepestcontrol.ca](http://www.ecochoicepestcontrol.ca)) or call 705-286-2847.

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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# Competitive bidding for roads project

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## Tenders accepted

The Cardiff community centre steel roof contract has been awarded to AGC and Associates Inc. at a cost of \$28,671. Seven tender bids were received ranging from the AGC bid price to \$87,010. Supply and delivery of calcium chloride for the roads department received two tender bids, with Morris Chemicals, the low bidder, being approved. Supply and application of surface treatment was awarded to Miller Paving Ltd at a total price of \$348,040, compared to Greenwood Paving Ltd's tender bid of \$348,492.

"Greenwood was two cents cheaper for the pulverization, three cents higher on the surface treatment, which means Miller's come in one cent per square metre less than the other one," said Earl Covert, roads superintendent. "That's what I call competitive bidding."

## Concerns about burning brush

In April, a cottager wrote to council regarding materials being burned at the Tory Hill dump.

Christine Brown of Cartwheel Court said she was writing with "an urgent desire to see local changes be made that will support mitigating climate change."

"Last year we witnessed the extreme heat from the first set to deal with scrap and brush," she wrote. "It now seems highly inappropriate to continue the practice of burning, especially in light of the recent report to the federal government that [cited] Canada's poor record on climate change action ... We may not be able to make a big difference in that statistic, but it is unconscionable to continue to contribute to it. Brush, in particular, is biodegradable and should be buried, not burned, unless it can be incorporated into a clean burning biofuel."

"Surely we can find options to burning, find creative sustainable solutions, and invest in those solutions," she wrote. "We are being urged to have new priorities and they will be best undertaken at the local level where we live, work and play ... We must be proactive in Ontario, and perhaps eliminate all outdoor burning, a luxury we

can no longer afford. Let's start with the municipal dump in Tory Hill."

"Just for the record, all material is burned in accordance with our Environmental Compliance Approval at the site," said Stewart Hurd, environmental supervisor. "That being said, we aren't opposed to any recommendations or thoughts as to alternatives to burning our brush."

Partridge mentioned the possibility of pulverizing materials instead, which Hurd agreed to look into regarding costs as a potential budgetary item in upcoming years.

## Canada Day event in need of funding from committee reserves

Council approved the use of \$1,000 from the recreation and culture committee reserve funds to help supplement the 2019 Canada Day event budget.

"The Canada Day committee has received less federal grant funds this year than anticipated," reads a report from the recreation and culture advisory committee. "That, combined with a budgeting oversight has left the Canada Day budget short."

The 2019 Canada Day events budget is \$6,000, which the report says was revised down from \$7,870 when the committee learned grant funds were reduced from \$5,000 in 2018 to \$2,800 this year. The municipality is contributing \$2,200.

"[The] recreation and culture advisory committee has sufficient reserve funds to cover the cost of the previously approved generator purchase and to supplement the Canada Day event," reads the report. "Few events pull the entire municipality together as this one has done in the past two years and it is a tradition we would like to continue."

## Dentist lease extended

The municipality is extending a lease with Dr. Khodadad Dadelahi, a dentist, for use of demised space in the medical centre at 2165 Loop Road until Dec. 31 this year. The current lease agreement expired on Feb. 28.

"For the months of March and April, the municipality has carried out the lease on a month to month basis, per

the provisions of the agreement, until such time that both parties had a chance to review and provide input on the necessary documentation and lease term," reads a May 14 report by Brittany McCaw, deputy CAO/treasurer.

## Municipality presented with 2018 audit findings

Richard Steiging of Bakertilly presented findings of a 2018 audit to council and said the municipality is in good financial standing. The municipality's financial assets continue increasing annually, with just over \$5.5 million as of Dec. 31, compared to just over \$4.7 million in 2017, and up from just over \$3 million in 2014.

Total revenues in 2018 totalled almost \$8.7 million, with almost \$5.6 million of that coming from property taxation.

## Facilities review popular for proposals

Thirteen proposals were submitted to the municipality in response to a request for building condition assessment proposals.

The proposals ranged in price from \$49,900 to \$265,060 according to a report submitted to council by Brittany McCaw, deputy CAO/treasurer.

After contacting WalterFedy's references, staff recommended council award the RFP to the integrated design firm, which is based in Kitchener, at a cost of \$55,000 plus taxes.

"The condition assessment of municipal facilities will be a very detailed project that requires a large time commitment from both staff and the hired consultant," reads the report. "WalterFedy has broken the project deliverables into a total of four phases (Project Start Up & Execution, Site Assessment Visits, Data Analysis & Draft Reporting and Final Reporting) with the first phase slated to begin June 3. The final report and presentation is to be completed no later than Oct. 31, 2019."

The municipality had budgeted \$50,000 for a facilities review this year, and so staff recommended council decrease the transfer to reserve for the new building fund by \$5,000 to make up the difference.

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We are especially grateful for the compassionate care that Dad received at Haliburton Hospital and his brief stay at Hyland Crest. Sincere thanks to his PSW's, especially Jill, to Dr. Tina Stephenson, Acute Care nursing team and Beth Archibald for your gentleness and compassion and Kirsten from Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home.

We are especially grateful to our employers for their kindness and understanding. Lastly, thank you to our family and friends for messages, meals, and expressions of support.

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**MADILL, Mary Jane**  
(Formerly of Bolsover, Ontario)  
*Passed away quietly on Sunday, January 13, 2019 with her family around her at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay.*

Mary was born in Essonville, Ontario. The daughter of the late William Thomas and Ellen Kathleen Henry. She was 1 of 16 brothers and sisters and is survived by her sister Elsie Crabbe. Dear wife of her late husband of 78 years, Henry and they were married in Lindsay on July 17, 1944. Loving mother of Murray (passed), Carl (Judy), Herb (Darla), daughters Marie (Rodney Jackson), Shirley (Peter North) and Gail (passed). Treasured grandmother of Stacey, Kimmy, Henry, June, Shelly, Roy, Melissa, Nicole, Desiree, Santana, Cole and Shawn and great grandmother of many. Mary worked for many years at Stokely Van Camps in Whitby. She loved to play euchre, camp, fish and to tease.

A celebration for the life of Mary will be held on Saturday, May 25th at 2:00 P.M. at **SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 54 Bolsover Road, Bolsover, Ontario with interment to follow at Bolsover Cemetery. Officiant will be Rev. Sharon Sheer followed by a light luncheon. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be arranged through the **STODDART FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTRE**, 24 Mill Street, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 2L1 (705-324-3205). Online condolences may be directed to [www.stoddartfuneralhome.com](http://www.stoddartfuneralhome.com)





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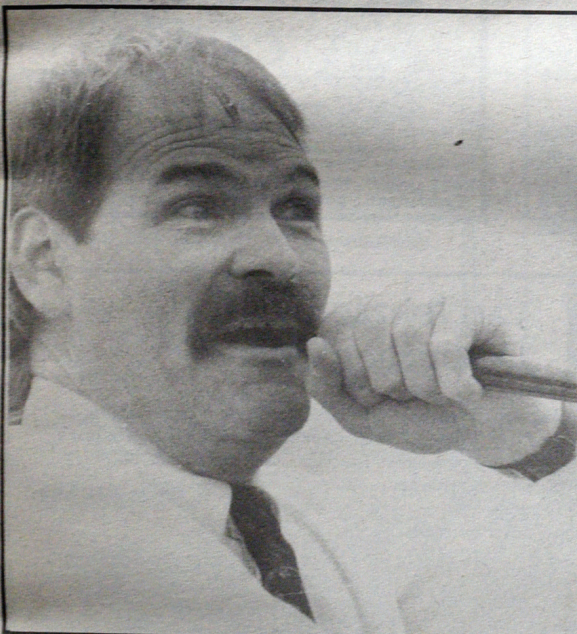
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Mike Blake, Larry Hewitt, Ian Clark, Terry Blair & Barry Boice wait to bid



Sinc Nesbitt, on right, thinks about the prices



Auctioneer Barry McLean heats up the bidding

by PETER SCHLEIFENBAUM

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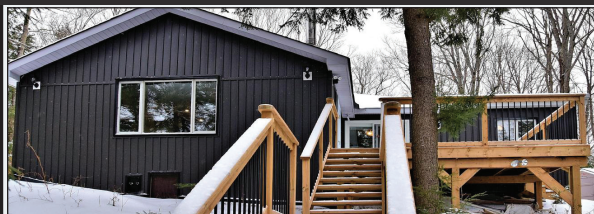
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### SOYERS LAKE \$499,000



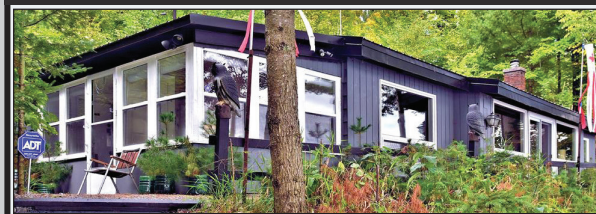
Perfectly situated between Haliburton and Minden villages. On a quiet shallow bay on Soyers Lake. 3BR 1Bath. Surrounded by mature trees. Open concept, bright eat-in kitchen & sunken living area. Over-sized garage and storage shed. A must see!

### KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE \$558,000



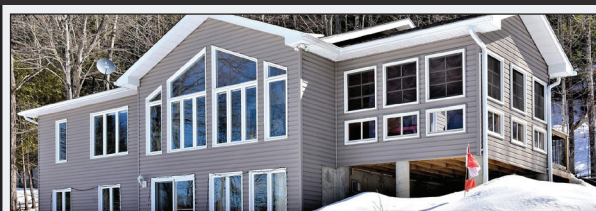
Recently renovated 2BR, 2 Bath home/cottage. Open concept kitchen/dining/living finished w/ durable vinyl flooring and wood cabinetry. Beautiful view from new deck. 90 ft of frontage. VERY private. Northwestern exposure. Large shed. Turn Key cottage!

### PAUDASH LAKE \$649,000



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### TWELVE MILE LAKE \$575,000



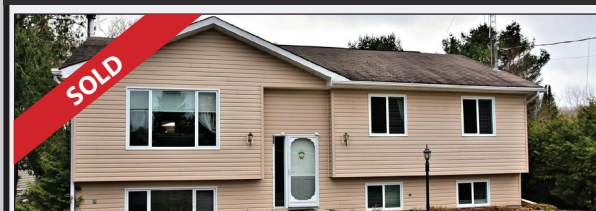
Open concept custom built 3BR 3 Bath home. Floor to ceiling window providing stunning lake views. Large bright kitchen & fully finished lower level. 3 season cedar screened in porch. This home is finished with protection!

### GRASS LAKE \$699,000



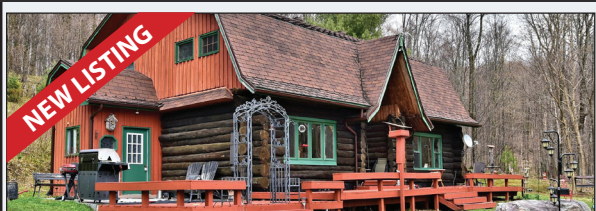
Paradise found! Stunning 4BR, 2 Bath year-round home/cottage. Walking distance to some amenities. Stone fireplace. Oak cabinetry, large windows & more. Level lot with 625 ft of frontage. Panoramic views of Grass Lake. Prime location w/ the perfect price.

### KOSHLONG LAKE ROAD \$299,000



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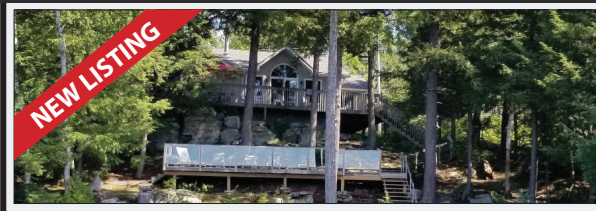
HAMILTON ROAD/SOUTH LAKE 16.25 AC \$150,000

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### Kennisis Lake \$859,000



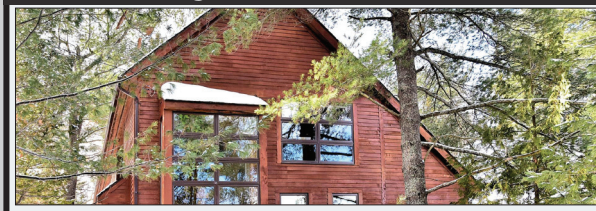
Beautiful open concept, 3BR, 2 Bath home/cottage finished with maple flooring, pine cathedral ceiling, pine cabinetry and much more. Large desk to soak in the western views of Kennisis Lake. A must see!

### Otter Lake \$1,080,000



Breathtaking custom built, 4BR waterfront home or cottage. Very private, 462 ft of frontage and 67 acres on small lake with great bass fishing. Impressive design and finishings. Great room with granite fireplace, cathedral ceilings. Full finished lower level with walkout. Triple garage. A pleasure to show, a must see!

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